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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 22ND, 1910.

Following upon the announcement of the Indian Budget proposals for obtaining additional revenue on account of the inevitable shrinkage in the revenue from opium, it was only to be expected that the Press of India should be found calling attention to the uncertainty which still exists regarding the fulfilment of her promise to stop the cultivation of the drug within the limits of her Empire. There are no reliable statistics available which would show at a glance what had been accomplished at a given date, and the latest report by the British Legation at Peking, published towards the end of last year, was not of a nature to dispel the suspicion prevailing in India that the opium cultivator in India is abandoning his traditional form of livelihood in pursuit of what may after all prove a chimera. In the next two years the area under opium cultivation in India will be reduced by nearly thirty per cent., and in the meantime, in the absence of official statistics in China, the hesitancy shown by the people and Press of India to accept the mere statements made on China's behalf regarding the progress so far made in suppressing the cultivation of the poppy in China, is certainly excusable.

Though it is now some months since the report of the British Legation went Home, there is no news of the acceptance of the suggestion it contained that two members of the Indian Service should be appointed to

make a tour of investigation in the opium-growing districts of China and report upon the subject. Meanwhile we can only form our opinions on the subject from the information usually coming to hand from private correspondents, or contributors to newspapers, and in this connection we may pertinently call attention to two extracts which we reproduce in this issue from the N.O. Daily News, of Shanghai, regarding the measures which have been taken in the provinces of Szechuan and Yunnan, which are producers of opium have heretofore stood at the top of the list. One correspondent, who has travelled for nine hundred miles in the province of Szechuan, reports that he did not see a single poppy plant, though his route lay entirely through areas formerly devoted to poppy. From Yunnan the report is not so satisfactory, but on the whole there is not much room to doubt that China has made quite as much progress towards the suppression of opium cultivation as India has done—if not still more. The important consideration, it seems to us, is as to whether the progress made in China is of a permanent character. From the first there has been the feeling that the enthusiasm of the Chinese Government would prove but temporary; and that it would evaporate as soon as the people who were deprived of their means of livelihood rose up in revolt against the action of the Government, or as soon as the treasures in the opium-growing provinces began to suffer to any serious extent from the extermination of an industry which had been one of the main supports of the administration. But it is worthy of remark that though it is incontrovertible that very substantial progress towards the extermination of the poppy has been made in China, we have heard surprisingly little of anything in the nature of organised protest. It may be contended that it is too early yet to say that no trouble is likely to occur, but we are inclined to think that what has been accomplished by the governing authorities has been sufficient to bring any latent opposition to a head, and the conclusion forces itself upon us that the whilom cultivator of opium must have peacefully turned to the cultivation of other, though far less profitable, crops. Singularly little, too, has been heard about the effect of the change on the public revenues of the opium-growing provinces. Yet China cannot make such a revolutionary change any more than India without feeling the pinch somewhere. In India the general taxpayer has had to bear the financial burden of the moral regeneration of China. Possibly in China it is the dishonest official class that will bear it. That we hear so little in China about how it affects the taxpayer suggests that so far no serious extra burden has been imposed, and it may be that the improvements effected of late in the financial administration of the Empire counterbalance the loss of revenue from opium. The Board of Finance is obtaining now a power of control over the fiscal arrangements of the provinces which must make for the greater purity of the administration. India, at the bidding of the Imperial Government, is making a sacrifice which is not, we fear, adequately appreciated by China. "One is bound to wonder," remarks an Indian contemporary, "if history will ever afford another parallel to the position of the Indian Government with regard to opium. For years past it has been one of the principal sources of revenue, and yet it is being sacrificed in the interests of another Power. It is a striking testimony to the integrity of the Empire that the pledge should have been given, or that having been given it should now be fulfilled to the letter." It is to be hoped that this lesson is not altogether lost on China.

A number of children lost or kidnapped have been reported to the police within the past few days.

H.E. Sir John Jordan, the British Minister at Peking, will be leaving for Home on April 2nd, travelling via Siberia.

At the last meeting of the Kulanu (Amoy) Municipal Council the appointment of Miss M. Kranenburg as visiting nurse was approved.

Hongkong returned a clean bill of health for the week ended on Saturday, not a single case of communicable disease having been reported.

The German Minister to China, H.E. Count Rex, is expected shortly to visit Hongkong and Canton, and will afterwards proceed to Tsingtau en route for Peking.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the China Realty Company, Ltd., Shanghai, last week, it was decided to recommend that a dividend of 15 per cent. be paid for the year 1909.

The total output of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company's three mines for the week ending 5th March, 1910, amounted to 22,749.28 tons and the sales during the period to 25,232.32 tons.

Inspector Brown of the Registrar General's Department received a very complimentary send-off from the district watchmen on Saturday. Crackers and bombs accompanied his progress to the English Mail.

Recent promotions in the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs include: Mr. Chalmers, Statistical Secretary, Mr. Kola, Acting Commissioner at Nanking, and Mr. J. H. Macoun, of Peking, to the rank of Commissioner; and Mr. Lanza, of Peking, and Mr. Guernier, to Deputy Commissioner.

The N. C. Daily News understands that Mr. M. M. Tackey is proceeding with his appeal to the Privy Council in the case of M. M. Tackey v. R. S. F. McBain, and that £400 has been paid into H. M. Supreme Court as security for costs of the appeal together with the cost of making up the record in the case.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 20th March, 1910, shows that of non-Chinese there were 517 to the Library and 314 to the Museum, and of Chinese 249 to the former and 534 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 766 persons and the Museum by 3,563.

An interesting coincidence took place at the Central Police Compound yesterday when Mr. E. Jones Hughes, who was conducting a Government auction of unclaimed articles, found among the lots a coat belonging to his son which had been lost last summer through having been left by a coolie on Blake Pier.

An action was commenced in the Danish Consular Court at Shanghai last week in which Mr. Michael Spelman sues the East Asiatic Co., Ltd., for damages for alleged breach of contract in failing to sell to him a rubber estate in Johore known as the Woodthorpe Estate. The price was \$190,000 and the plaintiff states that he paid the defendants \$5,000 as bargain money.

The files to hand of the Manchurian Daily News contain circumstantial accounts of the ministrations of a Catholic priest to the murderer of Prince Ito in prison at Dairen. The priest was allowed to sit up and for the Holy Communion in the prison, and the sacrament having been administered, the prisoner was described as having been "transformed, and looked inspired and entranced."

A Dairen resident posted a letter to Leith, Scotland, on 30th January last. Twelve days later, that is, on 11th February, a reply to this missive left Leith and arrived at Dairen twelve days later, viz., on the 23rd, making a total of only 24 days between the posting of the letter to Scotland and the receipt of a reply at Dairen. We (Manchurian Daily News) do not know if this is a record for fast postal service, but it is certainly another indication of what celerity the international system is capable of attaining.

A speedy arrest was effected at Hongkong the other night. Sergt. O'Sullivan was awakened from his sleep by the blowing of police whistles in Wuhn Street, and, proceeding to the place, found a man who had been caught trespassing in a house. He was taken into custody, and it was learned he had returned from banishment. On being brought before the Magistrate yesterday he was sentenced to one month's imprisonment for being found on the premises without permission and to six months' imprisonment for returning from banishment, and in addition six hours in the stocks.

HONGKONG AMATEUR BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

The first meeting of the committee who are responsible for the arrangements for the forthcoming championship was held at the V. R. C. last night. The draws for the first and second rounds resulted as follows:—

First Round,
Monday, April 4th.

Mr. Cooper plays Mr. Phillips. "A"
Mr. McLennan plays Mr. Healy. "B"

Second Round,
Tuesday, April 5th.

Capt. Baker plays Mr. Heigh.
Mr. Roza plays Mr. Bush.

Wednesday, April 6th.

Mr. Metvin plays Mr. Bishop.
Mr. Lashbrook plays Wiener. "A"

Thursday, April 7th.

Mr. Slater plays Winner. "B"
Mr. Yvanovich plays Mr. Cameron.

Friday, April 8th.

Mr. Theakstone plays Mr. Leung.
Mr. Carvalho plays Mr. Pitt.

THE FUNERAL OF MR. JAMES MCKIE.

A very large number of sorrowing friends met at the Old Cemetery, Fatsienjao, Shanghai, to pay their last respects to the late Mr. James McKie, and so large was the attendance—numbering upwards of 200 people—that the Chapel in which the service was held was too small to accommodate all who were present and many had to remain outside during the first portion of the service. The coffin was conveyed to the cemetery under a mass of beautiful wreaths which had been sent by the numerous personal friends of the deceased as well as by the representatives of the Clubs, Societies and Companies of which he had been a member. The burial service was impressively read by the Rev. A. J. Walker, M.A., and when the first portion was finished the coffin was carried to the grave by Messrs. J. E. Cameron, B. A. Clarke, A. K. Craddock, J. E. Gresson, W. T. Inglis, R. Macgregor, H. D. Morrison, and Capt. George Payne, preceded by chief mourners—Messrs. D. Lantieri, W. C. Murray, L. Midwood and B. D. Bath.

Among those present at the graveside were representatives of Consular Body, H. M. Supreme Court, the Municipal Council, the Municipal Police, the Municipal Electrical Department, the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, the Shanghai Club, Country Club, Race Club, and Cricket Club, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. and all the principal houses in Shanghai.

TELEGRAMS.

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REUTERS'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."

A RIOT IN GREECE.

LONDON, March 21st.

It is telegraphed from Athens that five hundred peasants smashed the windows of a train near Larissa.

Troops were called out, and they fired on the rioters, killing five and wounding 15.

The outbreak was due to an agitation among the peasants directed against Mussolman landholders whose expropriation the Greek Chamber is now considering.

AMERICAN POLITICS.

THE OPPOSITION TO MR. SPEAKER CANNON.

LONDON, March 21st.

The House of Representatives adopted by 191 votes to 135 a motion eliminating the Speaker from the Rules of Committee.

A motion by a Democrat to depose Mr. Cannon evoked an uproar, but was rejected by 191 votes to 155.

The result of the debate, however, has broken the power of Mr. Cannon.

[Mr. Fowler, of New Jersey, a Republican of the Speaker's own household of faith, introduced a bill to reorganize the Committee on Rules by leaving off the Speaker entirely, adding four Republicans and one Democrat instead of two Democrats and two Republicans with the Speaker, as it is now. This would make the committee consist of six members of the dominant party to three of the minority party. "Bad enough for the minority, apparently, but it would be at least the rule of an elected majority against the present autocratic rule of a Czar."]

BIG COAL STRIKE THREATENING IN WALES.

LONDON, March 21st.

Negotiations for a settlement of the South Wales colliery dispute have proved unsuccessful and a strike of 200,000 colliers appears to be inevitable.

RUSSIA AND AUSTRIA.

NORMAL RELATIONS RESUMED.

LONDON, March 21st.

Russia has communicated to the Powers a detailed account of the exchange of views which has taken place with Austria-Hungary regarding future policies in the Balkans.

These views in their most important points proved identical, and as a result normal diplomatic relations, which have been practically suspended since the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, are now resumed.

[MANILA "CALLERNEWS" SERVICE.]

EX-PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16th.

President Roosevelt, who has arrived at Khartoum, has been met by the committee from the west sent to persuade him to come home by way of San Francisco and the west, but declines to accept the invitation. A reply has been received as a rebuff to those seeking to array the ex-President against the present Administration.

LABOUR TROUBLES ON AMERICAN RAILWAYS.

WASHINGTON, March 16th.

The Western railroads have appealed to the Government for aid. The impending strike of firemen has threatened to tie up all the western lines, and the Government has been asked to mediate between the men and the companies and obtain a modification of the demands.

JAPANESE BUSINESS MEN TO VISIT CHINA.

The six principal Chambers of Commerce of Japan have decided to despatch a party of business men to China this spring. The idea is to promote not only business relations but social also, so as to put an end to the misunderstandings which occasionally arise between the two nations, as evidenced by the boycotting exercises of the past two years. It is thought advisable that the first of these parties should not be very numerous, and therefore it will be limited to seven persons, namely: two from Tokyo and one from each of the other Chambers. Messrs. R. Kondo and S. Ohashi are spoken of as likely to be the Tokyo representatives, and Mr. M. Doi will be the Osaka Chamber's choice. The party will visit all the principal ports of China.

THE BANDMANN OPERA COMPANY.

The brilliant success achieved by the Bandmann Opera Company with "The Arcadians" attracted a crowded house last night to witness the Company's first performance of "Our Miss Gibbs." Though we think those who have seen the Company in both pieces would state a preference for "The Arcadians," that is saying nothing in disparagement of "Our Miss Gibbs," which is a most delightful piece, and the Company played it with unqualified success, and fulfilled the highest expectations of those present. The audience were roused to a great height of enthusiasm, and all the marks of cordial approval were lavishly bestowed. Of the usual musical comedy type, "Our Miss Gibbs" depends for its unparalleled success on the spirit and energy which the members of the Company infuse into their work. This is especially true of the principals, whose witty dialogue and fannishness keep their listeners in the best of spirits throughout. The choral work is exceptionally well rendered and the solos are both amusing and pretty. The scenery is a revelation to theatre-goers here, and seldom has a piece been better mounted in Hongkong than last night's production. A very effective shop scene in the first act was kindly dressed by Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.

The play relates to the fortunes of Miss Mary Gibbs, a Yorkshire lass, who is an assistant at Garrod's Stores, where her phenomenal success in inducing customers to make purchases makes her employer proudly speak of her as "Our Miss Gibbs." Lord Hayford, who is engaged to Lady Elizabeth Thane, falls in love with and is loved in return by Mary, to whom he represents himself to be a poor bank clerk. Lady Elizabeth in turn loves the Hon. Mr. Hughie Pierpoint, an amateur criminal. Both the Earl of St. Ives, Lord Enysford's father, and the Duchess of Minister, Lady Elizabeth's mother, are anxious that their children should be married. When Mary learns the real rank of her lover as well as the fact that he is engaged to Lady Elizabeth, she refuses to have anything to do with him and invokes the protection of her cousin, Timothy Gibbs. Mrs. Farquhar, an impetuous woman of fashion, to whom Mary has done a good turn, takes Mary to a reception given to the Earl of St. Ives. In the meantime the Hon. Hughie Pierpoint has out of fun stolen the Ascot Cup, belonging to the Earl of St. Ives. The Cup is taken away in mistake by Timothy Gibbs, and in turn finds its way in the possession of Silthurs, a professional crook. Eventually the Cup is recovered, and the Earl finally consents to his son's marriage with Mary Gibbs, Lady Elizabeth finding a husband in the Hon. Hughie Pierpoint.

Miss Corvise Leon filled the title role in a manner that left little to be desired and her singing and dancing was as pleasing as her acting. But the fun of the piece centres round the doings of Miss Gibbs' Cousin Tim, a part filled by inimitable Harry Cole in a manner which kept the audience convulsed with laughter all the while he was before the footlights. Mr. Dan Clifford, too, figured largely in the piece as the Hon. Hughie Pierpoint, and shared the honours of the performance. All the other parts were well taken, and the enjoyment of the audience was testified by demands for encores to nearly every song and dance.

The dances of the corps of ballet dancers were very much appreciated items. The Company give another performance of "Our Miss Gibbs" to-night.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OBSERVANCE OF SUNDAY.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Hongkong, 21st March.

SIR,—I have been observing for some time past that apparently no objection is made by the Government to public performances on Sunday, such as the matinees and evening exhibitions at the Cinematograph in this Colony. On the other hand, at the City Hall theatre such privileges have never been granted or allowed. The ships in the harbour cannot work on Sunday without a permit. Yet these cinematograph exhibitions have been allowed to go on without interference.

In my opinion they ought to be closed during Sunday and no exceptions whatever should be allowed. The observance of Sunday should be strictly maintained in the Colony, and I shall be very much obliged by your giving publicity to this letter. —Yours truly,

OBSERVER.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The I.G.M. str. *Princess Alice* left Shanghai on the 19th instant, at 5 p.m., and may be expected here to-day at daylight.

The N.Y.K. str. *Wakasa Maru* (European Line) left Singapore on the 18th instant, and is expected here on the 24th inst.

The M.M. str. *Despatch*, with French Mail of the 27th ultimo, and mails from London of the 26th ultimo, left Singapore on the 21st instant, and is expected to arrive here on Monday morning, the 28th instant, and will probably leave for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of India*, which left here on the 26th ultimo arrived at Vancouver on the 18th instant.

The Yokohama agency of the C.P.R. received yesterday morning a wireless message from the R.M.S. *Empress of China* stating that all was well, and that the Commander hoped to reach Yokohama on the morning of the 25th instant. The message was despatched when the ship was 1,540 miles from Japan.

The *Empress of China* left Vancouver on the 11th instant.

The Dowdall New York Line str. *Wray Castle*, arrived at New York on the 17th inst.

THE ORIGIN OF TYPHOONS.

A most interesting and valuable little treatise on this vexed question has been written by Mr. John I. Plummer, M.A., Chief Assistant at the Hongkong Observatory, and is now published by Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd. Mr. Plummer remarks that the main drawback to the science of Meteorology has ever been that it concerns itself with an enormous amount of petty detail (climatic Meteorology) to the practical exclusion of theory and of the wider features of the science. This exceedingly interesting treatise indicates very clearly how much is likely to be gained by a study of such wider features as the greater movements of the atmosphere. The theory Mr. Plummer advances is a novel one, but it is strongly supported by the circumstantial evidence he adduces. The conclusions at which he arrives are set out as follows:—

1st. That the earliest beginnings of typhoons must be sought for on land, and not at sea.

2nd. That the great currents which have their birthplaces in the Sahara, the central parts of Asia, the plateau of Mexico, and perhaps in the interior of northern Australia, must not be neglected in the meteorology of the world because they are aerial, and are not felt at the surface. They must reach the sea level at some time and place and then produce results comparable with the intensity of the forces to which they owe their existence.

3rd. That one typhoon is never the cause of another, and that if a succession of them is seen to proceed from one limited area at intervals of a few days, as it is well known they are very apt to do, they are caused by separate impulses impressed on a permanent if slowly moving zone which we may, perhaps, call the meteorological equator of the globe.

4th. That a typhoon once formed does not tend to coalesce with another, but, on the contrary, rather repels it, and in the final result the one becomes intensified, as it were, at the expense of the other.

Finally, that once the actual condition of the whole of the world becomes thoroughly known there will be no difficulty in understanding the origin and mode of working of these devastating storms, and, although it sounds more like a dream than the sober anticipation of science, so to turn the superabundant energy of the sun to beneficial account to mankind, that even such unruly disturbances may become more suave and gentle in their operation.

The arguments in support of these conclusions are very clearly and concisely set forth, and it is no exaggeration to describe the treatise as a most valuable contribution to scientific knowledge of the subject. We have great pleasure in drawing the attention of the public, and especially the seafaring community, to its publication.

BUFFS SPORTS.

The results of preliminary events up to date are:—

Long Jump—1st, Sgt. Dray; 2nd, Pte. Elliott; 3rd, Pte. Coleman.

High Jump—1st, Ptes. Coleman and Elliott, tie, 5ft. 2 1/2 in.; 3rd, Pte. Kennett.

Putting Shot—1st, Sgt. Dray; 2nd, Cpl. Browning; 3, Pte. Hawkins.

Tug of War—D Coy. scratched to C; G beat A; F Coy. scratched to H; B beat B.

Heats (Privates) 220 yards—1st heat, Boy Wright, Ptes. Wood and Wood; 2nd heat, Ptes. Jabet, Wilkins and Souster; 3rd heat, Ptes. Coleman, White and Taylor. Corporals, 1st heat, L. Cpl. Jull, L. Cpl. Blown, Cpl. Dibble. 2nd heat, L. Cpl. Guest, Read, Cowan and Keop (tie). Sergeants, 1st heat, Sgts. Gray, Walsh, and Port; 2nd heat, Sgts. Kelly, Cooper, Prior.

Half mile—1st, Cpl. Andrews; 2nd, Loc. Cpl. Hall; 3rd, Loc. Cpl. Keop.

Throwing Cricket Ball—1st, Pte. Honkham, 100 yards; 2nd, Pte. Cloke; 3rd, Pte. Chasman.

A SINGAPORE ENTERPRISE.

Two Englishmen have started an extensive poultry farm on 35 acres of land near Singapore and have imported a number of pedigree prize birds, including minors, leghorns, and hondas. All the hatching down is done by incubators and brooders. Hundreds of chickens are being reared, the eggs being the size of those at home. The farm has a few hundred geese with all the latest modern appliances.

There will soon be a supply of rabbits, pigeons, and milk, all from English stock. Already one incubator and several prize fowls have been sold to Chinese. It is expected that these fowls will be a great feature of the coming Agricultural Show. The promoters of the farm are very hopeful of success.

HORSE O'CLOCK.

HOW THE OLD JAPANESE TIMEKEEPERS WORKED.

Messrs. Kondo & Dent, chronometer makers to the Admiralty, write to London paper to say that in view of the forthcoming Japanese Exhibition it is interesting to recall the exceedingly ingenious method adopted in the old Japanese timekeepers for measuring the hours of daylight.

"They divided the whole day and night into twelve hours, six of daylight and six of darkness," Messrs. Kondo & Dent state, "so that the duration of an hour continually varied, the daylight hours being long in summer, short in winter, and vice versa."

"In most of their timekeepers the hour numbers were shifted periodically by hand, either around a dial or vertically down the face of the case."

"They used only six numerals to count the hours, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, placed in this order—6, 5, 4, 9, 8, 7, 5. These were counted backwards, so that 8 would be the first hour of daylight, and 9 would be midday as well as midnight."

"At first sight the counting of the hours backwards seems illogical and to be merely an eccentric whim, but the reason for this arrangement is apparent if we consider that, being the beginning and close of a day, the preceding numbers 5 and 4, each indicate that an hour of the morning has passed, and so, when 9, or midday, is reached, 8, 7, and 6 convey clearly the gradual shortening of the day."

"Mr. James Arthur, of New York, in an interesting book on 'Time and Its Measurement,' tells us that animal equivalents were used to represent the different hours. 2st noon being the afternoon 8, sheep; the morning 7, tiger; the afternoon 6, monkey; the morning 5, hare; the afternoon 4, dog; the morning 4, snake; the afternoon 4, bear."

"If sunrise and sunset are ever to be regarded in our subdivision of the day, it must be confessed that the old Japanese idea of reckoning seems to indicate the only rational way of proceeding."

SUPREME COURT.

Monday, March 21st.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (PUNISH JUDGE).

PERJURY CASE ADJOURNED.

The case in which Kwan Yuk Chuen stands indicted for perjury was mentioned.

Mr. Eldon Potter (instructed by Mr. F. Paget Holt of Messrs. Brutton & Hett), who appeared for the defendant, asked that the case be allowed to stand over until next Session. He had two good reasons for making this application. In the first place it was absolutely impossible for him to be ready for trial on the day the Crown desired to take the case, Thursday next, as this was a very heavy case, and a very important one. The man was committed only last Thursday. Counsel first saw a copy of the indictment on Friday, and he knew it would be impossible to be properly fitted for trial.

His Lordship—I don't think I have seen the indictment myself yet.

Mr. Potter said there was another reason. He was engaged in another case, as his Lordship knew. The Chief Justice had put off another criminal case in order to facilitate all the counsel engaged in it, but apart from that altogether, he could say positively that it would be impossible, as far as he was concerned, to be in a position to defend the accused properly on Thursday next.

The Attorney-General said he could not consent, but asked if it would suit his learned friend if the case were taken after the Conspiracy case next Wednesday week.

Mr. Potter did not see what objection there could be to the putting off of this case until next Session, subject to his Lordship's consent. The prisoner was on bail, and none of the parties would be in any way injured.

His Lordship—If taken after the Conspiracy case you will have several days.

Mr. Potter—I am still in a predicament. I mentioned to your Lordship that I am in the Administration action.

His Lordship—Most counsel are in the Administration action, but at any rate the leader is also in the Conspiracy case.

Mr. Potter—When the Chief Justice ceases to take the Conspiracy case he will sit in the Administration action. That is my difficulty. I am absolutely bound in the Conspiracy case, and I consider I am also bound to Mr. Hett.

His Lordship—Has your leader another junior in the Conspiracy case?

Mr. Potter—The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai. But I have to play a fairly important part in that case, even after the other case ends.

His Lordship—In that case I think it had better stand over. The bail can be renewed.

ARMED ROBBERY.

Wong Xian and five others were indicted on a charge of armed robbery and receiving at Lam Nai Wan on February 7th. Prisoners pleaded not guilty, and the following jury was empanelled—Messrs. A. E. Crappell (foreman), A. Jahrad, A. J. Carter, W. H. Wirth, J. D. Omand, J. Quinn and O. Meyer.

The Hon. Mr. F. A. Hazledine, Attorney-General, instructed by Mr. H. L. Donay, jr., from the office of the Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and prisoners were undefended.

The Attorney-General informed the Court and jury that the six prisoners were charged with committing armed robbery at three houses at a place called Lam Nai Wan, near Tsim-tak. The evidence against the accused was that they entered those houses, armed with knives and choppers, and robbed the inmates of clothing, jewellery and money. This armed robbery took place on February 7th, at 5 p.m. Shortly afterwards information was given to the police, who were sent out from Shamkwan.

At 7.20 the police found the whole of the six men coming from the direction of the village, and all of them, except the fourth prisoner, were found in possession of some of the stolen property. Witnesses would be produced, who would be able to identify a number of the prisoners. As regarded the fourth prisoner, although no property was found on him, he was with the gang, and would be identified by at least four of the inmates.

After evidence for the Crown had been tendered, the prisoners made statements.

The first said—I asked the old man for a dollar and two for the new year. He said he had not got it, but would let me have some clothing. Then I left, and when near Shamkwan, met the police, and was arrested. I don't know the customs in Hongkong. I am a farmer from the country.

The second stated—I went to look for a neighbour of mine, who was in a stone quarry at Stanley. In the eleventh moon he met me and said he was coming home with me for the new year. Then on the 28th day of the 12th moon I went to the stone quarry to look for him. He said he was not coming home, as he had not any money, but he told me to go home by myself, and he gave me a clock to pawn at Shamkwan. When on my way to pawn the clock I met the police and was arrested. They told me not to run, as I had been committing armed robbery.

The third—I did not go to commit armed robbery. I went to the stone quarry to look for my older brother, but as I couldn't find him I came back. Then I met an old man, who told me not to go, so I stayed. He said, "I am asking people for money; you wait, and I will come with you." We went away together, and he gave me a jacket, a pair of trousers and a brass watch, saying as he handed them over, "You need not be afraid, you can take them away, and if anybody asks you, say they belong to you." When we got along the road we met the police, who searched us and found the things on me. They asked me where I got them, and I told them straight.

The fourth—I was looking for a classman in Stanley, but found he had gone home for the new year, so I came back. When at the gap above Shamkwan I met the police, and they told me not to go. They searched my person, finding nothing on me but a red girdle and fifty loose copper cents as well as \$1.60 in five cent pieces. I had a pair of garters on, and 100 cash. Then I was thoroughly searched when I got to the Police Station, and nothing was found on me.

The fifth—I live in Shamkwan, Shamkwan. At twelve o'clock an old uncle asked me to drink tea, and I went with the sixth prisoner. After drinking tea uncle asked me to go with him and get money. As we went he gave me three pieces of clothing. The three of us went out together, met the police, and were taken to the Police Station.

The sixth—I also live at Shamkwan, Shamkwan. The old man formerly lived in my place. He owed me \$2 for rent, so when I met him in Shamkwan, drinking tea, I asked him for the money, and he told me to go with him and get it. I went with him and he gave all those things to me. I don't know what he was doing.

The jury, without retiring, returned a unanimous verdict of guilty.

His Lordship sentenced the first prisoner to five years, and each of the others to three years imprisonment with hard labour.

The Attorney-General—I don't know whether your Lordship could see your way to commend the conduct of Constable Sullivan in this case. He seems to have effected a brilliant capture.

His Lordship—Yes, he acted with great promptness and decision.

The Attorney-General—The Assistant Superintendent of Police is present, and I would ask that he bring it to the notice of the Captain Superintendent of Police.

HAMBURG LETTER.

(WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS.)

February 25th.

TRADE IN 1909.

From the annual report of joint stock companies published so far and the dividends declared or proposed by others it appears that trade during the past twelve months has on the whole been remunerative. Banking business especially seems to have been satisfactory and if the dividends in many cases do not exceed those of the previous year it is in a great measure due to the low rate of interest ruling during the greater part of the time. Renewed activity in the issue market, however, made up for it, and since the Bank rate in Berlin and London, which, with the object of preventing the drain of gold to the United States and the re-emergence of wild speculation, had been raised to 6 per cent in the winter, has once more been reduced to a more normal level. Fresh loans of all kinds and descriptions are being put on the market, and an increase of their capital by the issue of additional shares is announced by more than one banking and industrial company, the latter being further evidence of the expansion of trade and the increasing demands on their resources. Our leading banks have not as yet published their annual statements, but it is generally believed that they will prove satisfactory and that dividends equal to, if not above, those of last year will be distributed. The National Bank für Deutschland in Berlin is paying 6 1/2 per cent, against 6 per cent last year and the Berliner Handels- und Bank in Hamburg is paying 5 1/2 per cent, against 7 per cent last year; the Württembergische Notenbank in Stuttgart 5 per cent, against 6 per cent; in the Deutsche Vereinsbank in Frankfurt a/M per cent, against 6 per cent; the Madeburger Bankverein 4 1/2 per cent, against 5 per cent, and the Lübeckische Gewerbebank 6 per cent, against 6 per cent.

The returns of companies engaged in the woolen industries denote increasing prosperity; other branches do not seem to have done as well, but most of the large cotton mills have declared substantial dividends, though not in all instances equal to those of last year, which is all the more remarkable, as the enormous advance in the value of the raw material and the violent fluctuations that accompanied it, whilst the prices of yarns and goods followed the upward movement, most reluctantly placed the production of yarns in a most difficult position. Judging by the dividends declared or estimated of other industrial concerns, a decided improvement in the state of trade can hardly be denied. This is further proved, as I have already pointed out in some of my previous letters, by the renewed activity in the shipping business. The Hamburg America Line has not held its annual meeting yet, but it is generally understood that a dividend of 5 per cent may be looked for, whilst the addition of two new steamers of 16,500 tons reg. each, the *Oleander* and the *Cleveland*, assigned to the New York service, is unmistakable evidence of an increase in the traffic, more especially as the company has ordered a large passenger steamer, or, to be more correct, is negotiating with the Vulcan Works at Stettin for one of 45,000 to 50,000 tons burthen to measure in length about 800 feet, and to be built in the new dockyards now in course of construction on land acquired by the recently-opened Hamburg branch of the Stettin concern on the other side of the Elbe. The size of the boat will necessitate the lengthening of the dry dock, which was originally intended to measure 200 metres to 240 metres.

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The tourist traffic is gaining in importance every year; there were twenty departures to the North and the Mediterranean during the past year, and excursions to the West Indies and South America are now to be included in the programme.

The Norddeutsche Lloyd is likewise said to have been most successful last year in recovering much of the ground lost in the one before, but as the reserve funds had been nearly exhausted, the surplus will have to be applied to those accounts, and the payment of a dividend to the shareholders can therefore hardly be expected.

The recent conclusion of a provisional agreement on the tariff question with Canada is hailed with satisfaction, and it is hoped it may shortly lead to the signing of a commercial treaty for a certain number of years.

SHANGHAI COMPANY MEETINGS.

THE CHINA FLOUZE MILL CO., LTD.

The fifteenth annual general meeting of shareholders in the above company was held last week at Shanghai. Mr. A. McLeod presided, and in the course of his speech mentioned that "Sundry Creditors" stands at Tls. 217,935.07, representing, chiefly, the overdraft with the Company's bankers, December 31, 1909, and is covered by stocks valued at Tls. 218,216.47. All stocks of flour, bran, etc., have since been disposed of at prices above those at which they were valued when stock-taking. "Bills Payable," Tls. 4,555.76, have since been taken up, and represent cost of grainy bags of rice. The Profit and Loss Account shows a balance in our favour of Tls. 42,647.96, which the Directors proposed to deal with as specified in the report, viz.:

General Managers' participation in Tls. 2,414.28

Profit as per Agreement... 3,000.00

Write off Buildings... 9,000.00

Pay Dividend at the rate of Tls. 3.00 per share... 18,000.00

Carry to Reserve... 10,000.00

forward to new Account... 253.68

Tls. 42,647.96

SHANGHAI AND HONGKONG WAREHOUSE, CO., LTD.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders in the Shanghai and Hongkong Warehouse Company, Limited, was held at the office of the General Manager, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., last week. There were present: Messrs. D. Lauder (Chairman), H. A. J. Macray, A. McLeod, and C. W. Wrighton, directors; Messrs. J. M. Young, James Moss, F. A. de St. Croix, D. Glass and O. S. Barf.

The Secretary read the notices convening the meeting.

After referring to the loss sustained by the death of Mr. J. McKie, the chairman presided.

The report and accounts have been in your hands for some days, and with your permission we will take them as read. I am sorry to say the year's working shows a further falling off in our earnings, which is due to the dull state of the consequent greatly reduced volume of the Import Trade during 1909. Four years ago your Chairman pointed out that we had been turning away cargo, and that increased godown accommodation was necessary, and this has since been provided. There has been, however, no repetition of the congested state of the Import Trade, and the reduced quantity of goods coming forward has again rapidly into consumption.

Competition has also increased not only from public wharves, but also from privately owned godowns, a form of investment which must have been a disappointment to many. Although we have not yet been able to reap the full advantage of our increased godown accommodation, we have the satisfaction of knowing that we are now in a better position to handle a fair share of the trade of the port than we have ever been before.

Turning to the accounts, the balance of Tls. 231,221.83 in Profit and Loss account. We have already paid an interim dividend of Tls. 3 per share, which leaves us with a balance of Tls. 173,221.73 to deal with, and your directors recommend that a final dividend of Tls. 4 per share be paid. Tls. 20,000 be placed to Repair account and Tls. 9,221.83 carried forward. Last year our repairs cost Tls. 42,326.70, which leaves us with a balance of Tls. 7,173.30 at credit of repairs account, by adding Tls. 20,000, which gives us a credit balance of Tls. 27,173.30. It is of opinion that a dividend sum will thus be provided to meet any expenditure that is likely to be necessary this year. I am glad to be able to tell you that, generally speaking, your wharves and godowns are in excellent condition, though it must not be forgotten that a wooden wharf is not a very permanent structure and requires to be constantly renewed. During the year we have paid shenken on the entire frontage of your property on the entire Bund side of the river, and now hold title deeds to the Conservancy Normal Line.

Before I sit down there is one matter I must touch upon, and that is to express the regret of your Directors and General Agents at the retirement of our Superintendent, Mr. Duncan Glass. It is over forty years ago that Mr. Glass joined the office of your general agents and for the past fifteen years he has filled the post of Superintendent of this Company's property. He has been ever hard working and zealous in his interests of the wharves and godowns, and I feel sure, when he leaves at the end of this month, that he will have the good wishes of all. If any shareholder has any questions to ask I shall be glad to answer them to the best of my ability.

Mr. Barf asked what was the meaning of "Equalization of Dividends Account Tls. 125,000." Did it mean that it should be used for a year like they had gone through?

The Chairman replied that he thought it was the view of the directors that so long as the Company could pay seven per cent they would not call upon the Equalization of Dividends fund.

Mr. Barf said that during the past ten years they had received an average dividend of fifteen and a half per cent, and last year ten per cent. Now they had a bad year and he thought that there was the possibility of the directors increasing the dividend this year out of the fund. Was it that the prospects were not so good? In 1906 and 1907 they paid eighteen and sixteen per cent, and now seven per cent. Now that they had gone through a bad year he thought they had thought that the directors would possibly see their way to increase the dividend out of that fund, unless of course the prospects were not quite so bright as they were.

The Chairman said that the prospects depended on the quantity of cargo which came to Shanghai for them to handle. The feeling of the directors in recommending this distribution of profits was that if the Company could pay seven per cent they would not encroach on the Equalization of Dividends fund.

Mr. Barf—What are the prospects comparing this year with last year? Are they any worse?

The Chairman—I do not think the prospects are any worse.

Mr. Barf—Are they any better? How does it compare with last year?

The Chairman—Very much the same.

The Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts as presented. Mr. A. McLeod seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

The following resolutions were then carried unanimously:

Proposed by Mr. St. Croix and seconded by Mr. Young: That Messrs. A. McLeod, C. W. Wrighton, F. A. J. Macray, A. M. Marshall and the senior representative of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., be re-elected directors for the current year.

Proposed by Mr. Barnes Moss and seconded by Mr. Barf: That Messrs. G. B. Wingrove and H. W. G. Hayter be re-elected auditors for the current year.

The Chairman—That is all the business, gentlemen. I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow.

SOY CHEE COTTON SPINNING CO.

The fifteenth annual meeting of subscribers to the Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd., was held last week at the offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Arnhold, Karberg & Co., Shanghai. Mr. M. Mitting (Chairman), who presided, said:

The mill has worked satisfactorily throughout the year, and the result which you have before you must be considered, in every respect, satisfactory, as during the last three months of the year under review the position has been exceedingly unfavourable for the cotton industry. The inclement weather during the autumn enabled farmers to bring the new crop of cotton to the market very slowly and to force up prices to over Tls. 28 per picul. With such high prices the vexed question of watered cotton has become more acute than ever, and there seems very little prospect of this evil being overcome. Prospects for the present year are not favourable owing to the unsatisfactory state of the local market. Fortunately, we have been able to secure a fair quantity of Indian cotton at advantageous prices, so that our mill is not entirely dependent on this market. Reverting to the accounts, you will see that the year under review has closed with a balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account of Tls. 132,410.20, including Tls. 15,911.81 for 1908, and your Directors propose to pay a dividend of 7 per cent on the paid-up capital amounting to Tls. 70,000, and after making the usual provisions for depreciation and legal reserve fund, to carry forward Tls. 15,000 to new account.

In conclusion, the chairman said that their mill compared very favourably with all others in Shanghai. He also stated that the Directors had made excellent arrangements for the lease of certain foreshore lands.

There were no questions, and on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hoettler, the reports and accounts as presented were passed.

Proposed by Mr. Mitting and seconded by Mr. Ho Hsien-shun: That Mr. Hoettler be re-elected as Director of the Company.

Proposed by Mr. Arnhold and seconded by Mr. Hoettler: That Mr. E. Schulte be elected a Director to take the place of the late Mr. Woo Sze-shin.

Proposed by Mr. Nicholassen and seconded by Mr. Grosser: That Mr. E. Gerecke be re-elected auditor of the Company for the current year.

SHANGHAI COMPANY REPORT.

SHANGHAI GAS COMPANY, LIMITED

The Annual Report of this Company says:—The business of the Company has continued to be satisfactory and the Profit on Working Account for the year amounted to Tls. 249,882.52, an increase of Tls. 8,689.39 as compared with the preceding year.

The net profit for the year, after appropriating the sum of Tls. 8,075.06 premium received on sale of Debentures, amounted to Tls. 242,059.60, an increase of Tls. 12,997.02, as compared with 1908.

The Balance at credit of Profit and Loss account, after crediting the account with Tls. 4,306.44, carried forward after appropriation of the profits for 1908, and deducting the sum of Tls. 4,000, bonus paid to the Foreign Staff as authorised at the last Annual General Meeting, and the amount of interim dividend at the rate of 6 per cent (Tls. 72,000) paid on 28th July last, amounts to Tls. 160,366.04, of which sum the Directors recommend appropriation as follows:—

To pay a final dividend for the year 1909 on 24,000 shares at 7 per cent (amounting 15 per cent for the year) Tls. 84,000.00

To write off for depreciation of land and buildings 1,235.90

To write off for depreciation of Manufacturing and Distributing Plant 69,895.89

To write off for depreciation of Furniture... 525.00

To carry forward to new account 4,709.25

Tls. 160,366.04

Consumption.—During 1909—472,764.90 cubic feet of gas were sold to Private Consumers and 10,895,500 cubic feet for Public Lighting.

Gas Engines.—At end of the year there were 132 gas engines in use and the demand for gas for power and heating is steadily increasing.

Coal, &c.—Coal and Oil cost more than for 1908.

Residuals.—The returns from these continued satisfactorily.

Financial.—The consolidation of the Company's debenture issue was satisfactorily carried out during the year. The total issue of 6 per cent Debentures to date amounts to Tls. 775,000.

Directorate.—In accordance with the Articles of Association Mr. F. Aycough retires, but being eligible offers himself for re-election.

Audit.—Mr. H. W. G. Hayter and Mr. J. E. Bingham offer themselves for re-election as Auditors.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 21st at 12.10 p.m.—The barometer has risen over Formosa and fallen over the Loochoos and the Bonins. The "low" area is moving Eastwards to the S.E. of the Loochoos.

The barometer has risen over N. China and Manchuria, where pressure is now high.

Pressure is low between Tongking and the Yangtze valley.

Moderate variable winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood (*) Variable winds, moderate.

Formosa Channel... Same as No. 1.

South coast of China between Formosa and Hainan... Same as No. 1.

S. E. or variable winds, moderate; probably some rain.

ECZEMA DEFIED SIX HOSPITALS

Doctors of Two Continents Could Make No Impression on Torturing Skin Disease—All Treatments Failed for Nineteen Years.

THEN CUTICURA CURED SWIFTLY AND EASILY

"I contracted my disease at school in London, England, when I was fourteen years old—I am now thirty-three. My father put me under the care of our family physician who diagnosed my disease as itch. But after several months treatment without receiving any benefit, I was advised to go to a hospital. I attended the Hospital, London, then and on other occasions, without my getting any benefit, they treated me for eczema. My next attempt was trying different ointments from *Cuticura* dermatologists. Then I tried *Cuticura*, including..."

"I passed examinations for government situations but was finally rejected at the last examination. After three attempts to enlist in the British Army I succeeded at last but was discharged on account of my eczema. The disease was confined to my arms and legs, my face being actually raw at times. I came to America thirteen years ago, but my face became worse. It pained me when in New York City I was advised to go to Hospital in Brooklyn. I was put under the care of a doctor, but the most torturing skin disease a man ever had. Richard Curley, New Canaan, Conn., U. S. A., Jan. 10, 1909.

I am familiar with Mr. Curley's case and his cure and believe his statement to be true. John F. Burke, New Canaan, Conn.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

BANK HOLIDAYS

In terms of Government Notification No. 80 of 11th instant the following days will be observed as BANK HOLIDAYS:—

FRIDAY, 25th March.
SATURDAY, 26th "
MONDAY, 28th "
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1910. [438]

AUCTION SALE OF

FANCY JEWELLERY

THE SALE will be continued TO-DAY (TUESDAY), the 22nd March, at 2.30 p.m., when the unsold and the remaining lots will be put up for Sale.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1910. [439]

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OFFICES in Des Vaux Road, Central
Apply to—
Messrs. PERCY SMITH & SETH,
5, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1910. [440]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"AUSTRIA,"
having arrived, Consignments of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risks, into the Inland and/or extra hazardous Godowns of The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

The Steamer brings Cargo from Trieste.
Venice ex s.s. "Tuba," transhipped at Trieste.
Venice ex s.s. "Baron Call," transhipped at Trieste.
Venice ex s.s. "Metooch," transhipped at Trieste.
Trieste ex s.s. "Africa," transhipped at Trieste.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 25th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, when they will be examined on the 24th inst., at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WILBER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1910. [43]

REPRESENTATIVE for China required by well known British Manufacturers of Worcestershire Sauce, Pickles, etc. Applicants must have first class connections with best European and Native Buyers. Apply—

"ALPHA," Care of Keymer & Ady, Agency, 3, Whitefriars Street, London, E.C. England. [376]

WANTED.

BY Married Couple, FIVE-ROOMED HOUSE or Bungalow, Furnished or Unfurnished, per 1st May. Moderate Rent. Reply stating terms to—

H. V. D.,
Care of "Daily Press" Office,
Hongkong, 17th March, 1910. [418]

PROPOSALS FOR FROZEN FRESH BEEF AND MUTTON.—Headquarters, Philippines Division, Office Chief Commissary, Manila, P.I., January 3, 1910.—Sealed Proposals, in triplicate, subject to usual conditions, will be received at this Office until 11 o'clock a.m., April 5, 1910, at which time and place they will be opened in the presence of attending bidders, for furnishing and delivering about six million six hundred thousand (6,600,000) pounds of Frozen Fresh Beef and two hundred thousand (200,000) pounds of Frozen Fresh Mutton to the Subsistence Department, U.S. Army, at Manila, P.I., during year ending June 30, 1911. The contractor will be required to pay all customs duties. The United States reserves the right to decrease the amount advertised for, upon reasonable notice to the contractor, or to increase the amount with his consent. Each proposal must be accompanied with a bidder's guaranty in the amount of \$20,000 or with certified check for that sum on a Bank of approved standing in Manila. The bidder to whom the contract is awarded will be required to give bond. Blanks and full information furnished on application to this Office or to nearest United States Consul. Envelopes containing proposals must be marked: "Proposals for Frozen Fresh Beef and Mutton for fiscal year 1911, to be opened April 5, 1910," and addressed to the undersigned.—D. L. BRAINARD, Lieut.-Col., D.C.C., U.S. Army, Chief Commissary. [124]

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A perfect preservative stain for Wood, Stone and Brickwork.

It protects against Decay, Fungus, Dry Rot, the ravages of insects and vermin (especially the white ant) and the action of the weather.

"SOLIGNUM" REALLY DOES WHAT IS CLAIMED FOR IT, as may be seen from the testimonials of the Governments of India, the Sudan, etc.

In Drums and Barrels of Various Colours. Prospectus and all further information from

SIEMSEN & Co.
(Machinery Dept.), Hongkong,
Sole Agents.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1909. [1494]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO. LTD.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Peddar's Street, on THURSDAY, the 24th March, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statements of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1909.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to 24th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, 4th March, 1910. [369]

LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO. LTD.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Peddar's Street, on THURSDAY, the 24th March, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statements of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1909.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to 24th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, 4th March, 1910. [370]



ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA.

THE Installation of Wbr. Bro. THOMAS FEEDERICK HOUGH as District Grand Master of Hongkong and South China E.C. will take place at a SPECIAL MEETING of DISTRICT GRAND LODGE to be held at the Masonic Hall, Zeland Street, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, 24th March, 1910, at 6 p.m.

The Installation Ceremony will be performed by Bro. Wm. Bro. S. P. O. CHAI, Esq., C.M.G., District Grand Master of Hongkong and South China E.C.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1910. [371]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE SEVENTEENTH DRAWING of the HONGKONG CLUB DEBENTURES of \$1000 each was held in the HONGKONG CLUB HOUSE, FRIDAY, the 18th March when the following Debentures were drawn for Redemption:—

10	441	818	1193	1543
18	505	837	1322	1668
22	534	844	1345	1670
58	570	849	1359	1681
90	642	850	1372	1715
118	715	897	1381	1825
126	733	918	1404	1843
128	737	928	1405	1855
136	746	1033	1465	1877
233	755	1058	1494	1903
234	771	1122	1496	1961
250	778	1150	1503	1978
335	817	1166	1578	1980

and will be Payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on THURSDAY, the 31st March, 1910, in Exchange for surrender of name.

By Order,
JAMES CRAIK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1910. [424]

DEVONIAN SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL DEVONIAN DINNER will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, on SATURDAY, 2nd April, 1910, at 8 o'clock p.m. Devonians wishing to attend are requested to send their Names to—

M. S. NORTHCOTE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1910. [426]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the MIN YUEN & Co., Ltd., is registered as a Company Limited by Shares, and that all Contracts for the Purchase and Sale of Cotton and Cotton Yarn must be signed by one of the two General Managers, MESSRS. LI WAI TONG and TAM FAI TONG, otherwise such contracts will not be recognised.

MIN YUEN & Co., Ltd.,
Cotton and Cotton Yarn Dealers,
87, Jervois Street,
Hongkong, 17th March, 1910. [416]

PABST EXTRACT.

THE best TONIC for keeping in perfect health in the Tropics.

It is a Liquid Food in predigested form containing all the bracing, soothing and toning effects of the choicest hops. Nearly Non-alcoholic. Highly recommended by the local medical profession in cases of DEBILITY or other causes, ANEMIA, NERVOUSNESS or DYSPEPSIA. Samples on Application.

SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 14th December, 1909. [1519]

INSURANCE

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE CO. TOTAL FUNDS at 31st December, 1909 £19,121,310.

Authorised Capital £5,000,000
Subscribed Capital £2,750,000
Paid-up Capital £1,212,500
I. Fire Funds £2,047,553 7 0

The Undersigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 15th January, 1909. [908]

AUCTIONS

SPECIAL SALE

PUBLIC AUCTION

HIGH-CLASS JEWELLERY DIRECT FROM LONDON.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, TO-DAY (TUESDAY), the 22nd March, 1910, at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, SINGLE STONE DIAMOND RINGS, DIAMOND AND RUBY EMBELLISHED TURQUOISE RINGS, EMERALD RINGS, MARQUISE RINGS, GEMSET RINGS, GOLD and GOLD-FILLED BANGLES and BRACELETS, GENT'S SOLID GOLD and GOLD-FILLED WATCHES and ALBERTS, DIAMOND TIE PINS and STUDS, LEVER WATCHES, OPEN-FACE WATCH by Benson (cost £25), 18-Carat GOLD WATCH by Dent (cost £40), GOLD-FILLED REPEATERS, WATERPROOF WALTHAM WATCHES, LADIES' GOLD and GOLD-FILLED LONG GUARDS, NECKLETS, BROOCHES, CHAINS, CHRONOMETER WATCHES, NON-MAGNETIC WATCHES, SILVER-BACKED COMBS, BRUSHES and MIRRORS, CIGARETTE CASES, GOLD-FRONTED LINKS and STUDS, GOLD and GOLD-FILLED BARRINGS, BROOCHES, HAT PINS, SILVER BELTS, FIELD GLASSES, SILVER-MOUNTED SCENT BOTTLES, &c., &c.

A few Lots of E. and NICKEL SILVER, A1 Quality TABLE PLATE and CUTLERY.

ALSO SUNDRY IRISH LINENS. NOW ON VIEW. Catalogues may be had on application. Terms—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, 9th March, 1910. [381]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. GEO. P. LAMBERT will, by Order of the Mortgagee, sell the undermentioned Property by Public Auction, at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, 29th March, 1910, at 3 p.m. HOK UN LOTS Nos. 41, 42, 55, 57, 93 and 94, and HUNG HOM INLAND LOTS Nos. 81 and 86 (Nos. 109 and 119, Wuhu Street). Each Lot subject to a Reserved Price.

For further particulars apply to the Auctioneer, or to Mr. H. K. HOLMES, Solicitor, 54, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 19th March, 1910. [429]

NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.

WE have this Day authorised Mr. F. H. ARMSTRONG to Sign our Firm, Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK will Sign our Firm per Procuration.

REISS & Co.,
Hongkong, 19th March, 1910. [423]

NOTICE.

WE have this Day Established Ourselves as Import and Export Merchants, STEAMSHIP AGENTS, COMMISSION AGENTS, &c., at 25, Des Vaux Road Central.

OLDF WILK & Co.'s
East Asiatic Agencies A.B., Ltd.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1910. [433]

NOTICE.

WE have this Day Appointed Mr. ARTHUR NIELSEN as our Sole Manager for Hongkong.

OLDF WILK & Co.'s
East Asiatic Agencies A.B., Ltd.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1910. [434]

DAVID COBSAR & SON'S
MERCHANT NAVY
NAVY BOILED
LONG FLAX
RELIANCE CROWN
TARPAULING
ARNOLD, KARBURG & CO
Sole Agents.
15351

TO LET

TO LET.
No. 1, OBSERVATORY VILLAS, Kowloon. From 1st April next. Furnished or Unfurnished.

Apply to—
ABRAHAM V. APCAR & Co.,
14, Des Vaux Road, Central,
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1910. [363]

TO LET OR FOR SALE.

DERRINGTON, PRAK ROAD, No. 8. SHORNCLEIFFE, Garden Road, 7. For Particulars apply to—

C. SCHROETER,
King's Buildings, Ltd.,
Care of Carrels, Blymer & Co.,
Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [86]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

FROM 27th APRIL FOR 10 MONTHS.
No. 1, DES VEAUX VILLAS, THE PRAK, 6 ROOMS and use of Tennis Court.

Apply to—
C. H. GALE,
P. W. Dept.,
Hongkong, 19th March, 1910. [427]

TO LET—MODERATE RENTS.

SEMI-EUROPEAN FLATS, Praya East, corner of Observation Place. The Trans stop at the door.

Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.,
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1910. [353]

TO LET.

FROM 15th MAY TILL 1st OCTOBER, A.C.
STRATHALLAN, 31, ROBINSON ROAD, 6-ROOMED HOUSE; Furnished. Electric Light, Tennis Court.

Apply to—
REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co.,
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1910. [356]

TO LET

TO LET.

NEW and COMMODIOUS SHOPS—Nathan Road, Kowloon. Immediate Possession. Cheap Rentals.

KOWLOON MARINE LOT 48, Yau-mat, Area 85,200 square feet with 255 feet Sea Frontage. Especially suited for Storage of Coal, Timber, &c.

Apply to—
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [109]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

"TANTALLON," 126A, BARKER ROAD, Rent \$225 per Month. Seen by appointment only.

Apply to—
GODDARD & DOUGLAS,
Hongkong, 9th December, 1909. [100]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in Wong Nai Chong Road. A HOUSE in RYON TERRACE. OFFICES TO LET, No. 2, Connaught Road, 3rd Floor.

No. 9, MACDONNELL ROAD. No. 10, DES VEAUX ROAD CENTRAL, 1st floor.

OFFICES in YORK BUILDING. GODOWNS in PRAYA EAST, BLUE BUILDINGS.

Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1910. [87]

TO LET.

RESIDENTIAL FLAT, Hotel Mansions. OFFICES, Hotel Mansions.

Apply to—
HENRY HUMPHREYS,
Alexandra Buildings,
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1910. [151]

TO LET.

TO LET.
No. 3, CANTON VILLAS, Kowloon.

Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1910. [325]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

"THE GROVE," MACDONNELL ROAD, Hongkong, 8-Roomed House, fitted with Electric Light, detached. Servants' Quarters and Tennis Court, from 1st May, 1910.

Apply to—
PERCY SMITH & SETH,
Hongkong, 11th January, 1910. [159]

TO LET.

FIRST FLOOR of No. 4, Des Vaux Road, recently vacated by Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders.

In No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria Building, Rooms suitable for Offices, No. 9, PRAK ROAD, "DEVONIA," containing 6 ROOMS, Gardens, Tennis Court, Servants' Quarters.

One GODOWN in MASON'S LANE. Apply to—

DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, 8th March, 1910. [95]

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 4, Praya, Kennedy Town. Apply to—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1910. [90]

TO LET.

TO LET.
Nos. 52 and 69, CAINE ROAD.

Apply to—
HO U MING,
81, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 8th December, 1909. [96]

TO LET.

KING'S BUILDINGS.
OFFICES facing the Harbour from about October at present in occupation of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.

Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1910. [89]

TO LET.

TO LET.
No. 4, BARROW TERRACE, Kowloon.

Apply to—
SPANISH DOMINICAN PROCUATION,
Hongkong, 10th March, 1910. [383]

TO LET.

TO LET.
Nos. 19, 23 and 25, SHELLEY STREET, new 5-Roomed Houses.

From 1st May, 1910, No. 4, ICE HOUSE STREET, now in occupation of the Nippon Club.

Nos. 5, 19 and 23, BELLIOS TERRACE, newly painted and colourwashed, cheap rental.

No. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Top Floor, 5 ROOMS.

Furnished for 9 Months from 1st April, 3 Century Crescent, Kennedy Road, 5 ROOMS, well furnished, including Piano.

No. 9, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE (Shop). BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, 1 Room on 1st Floor, suitable for Office.

PREMISES at SHAMEN, CANTON, lately in occupation of the Canton Kowloon Railway.

CHELTONDALE (furnished), No. 100, Peak, 1st April to 1st October, 1910.

LAPROCK, No. 9, Conduit Road, from 1st May, 1910.

No. 52, DES VEAUX VILLAS, No. 52, Peak, from 1st April, 1910.

No. 34, DUDELL ST., 1st floor, lofty Godown, about 58 feet by 36 feet.

FOR SALE.—Tos. Canner, at Peak, commanding a Magnificent View of the Harbour and Adjacent Islands.

Apply to—
Linstead & Davis,
3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings,
Hongkong, 17th March, 1910. [91]

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 5A, DUDELL STREET.

Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1910. [83]

FOR SALE

NOTICE.

MR. D. MESSULAM, of the well-known Firm MESSARI MENASSÉ & Co., Wholesale DIAMOND MERCHANTS, Antwerp, Vienna and Bombay, is at present in the Colony and staying at the ASTOR HOUSE.

He is an Expert in Diamonds and has brought with him a large Stock of this Precious Stone. Anyone wishing to Purchase at a Minimum Cost should not lose the opportunity of making a call at ASTOR HOUSE—Room 43, between 11 and 12 in the forenoon and 3 and 4 in the afternoon.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1910. [425]

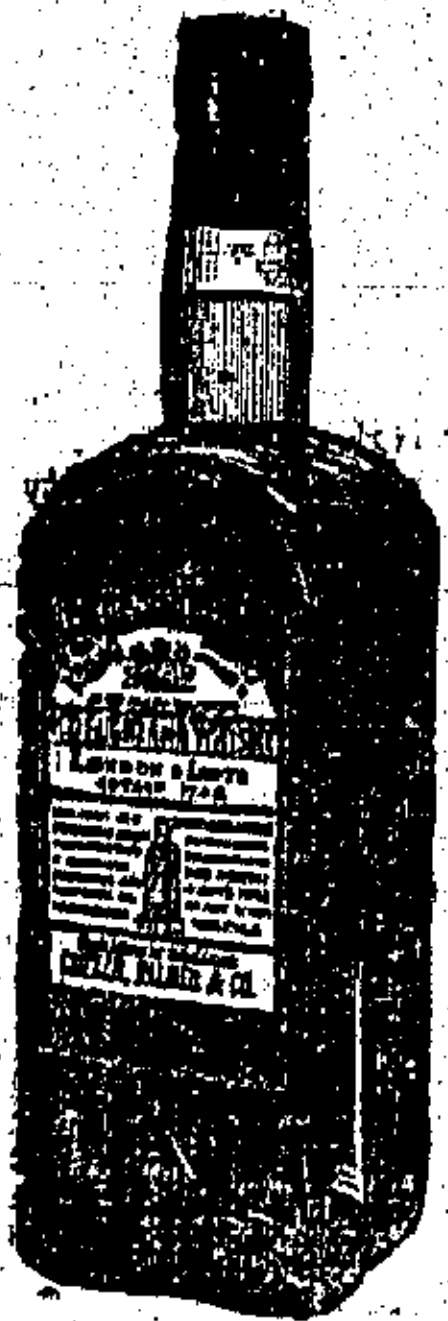
NOW ON SALE.

HONGKONG HANSARD REPORTS of the MEETINGS of the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for the Session 1909.

REVISED BY THE MEMBERS.
PRICE - - - - \$3.
Daily Press Office,
Hongkong, 21st February, 1910. [316]

FOR SALE.

NAPIER JOHNSTONES **"SQUARE BOTTLE"** **WHISKY.**



BEWARE OF IMITATIONS
UNVARIED FOR
THE SAME TO-DAY AS IN 1745.
150 YEARS.

SOLE AGENTS IN HONGKONG:
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,
and from ALL WINE MERCHANTS. [46]

GRACA & CO.,
27, DES VUEX ROAD.
Dealers in
ASIATIC POSTAGE STAMPS AND
PICTORIAL POST CARDS.
JUST Received a Selection of POSTAGE
STAMP CATALOGUE FOR 1910.
Picture and Painting Books, Novels, Postage
Stamp Albums with Movable Leaf, Puzzle Post
Cards, School and Shopping Bags, Dolls, Toys,
Cigars, Cigarettes, &c., &c.
Inspection Invited. [110]

HIGH-CLASS PROVISIONS.
THE WELCOME STORE,
General Storekeepers,
No. 31, DES VUEX ROAD, CENTRAL.

DEALERS in Canned Goods of every
description, from the most famous
European and American Manufacturers.
Suppliers of all kinds of Provisions to
Canteens, Clubs, Hotels, Steamers and Families.
Prices charged exceedingly moderate, and
orders executed at any time at short notice,
with most careful attention and promptitude.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1910. [378]

SINGON & CO.
IRON, STEEL, METAL and HARD-
WARE MERCHANTS. Wholesale
and Retail Ironmongers, Pig Iron and
Foundry Coke Importers. General Store-
keepers and Shipchangers. Nos. 35 & 37, HING
POOY STREET, (2nd Street, west of Central
Market) Telephone No. 515. [385]

NEW CARTRIDGES.
BY popular English Manufacturers. In
all Bores and Sizes.

SMOKELESS POWDERS and CHILLED
SHOTS. From No. 10 to 88SG. at \$6, \$7 and
\$7.50 per 100. SPORTING REQUISITES
and AIR GUNS in Variety.
Inspection Invited.

WM. SCHMIDT & Co
Hongkong 26th October, 1906. [1314]

AUTOMATIC BROWNING
POCKET PISTOLS.
CALIBRE 7.65 m.m.
WITH CHAMBER for 8 CARTRIDGES
FIRING 8 SHOTS in 2 SECONDS.
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1907. [38]

A LING & CO.,
19, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

FURNITURE and PHOTO GOODS
STORE.
Photographic Goods of every Description
in Stock.
Developing and Printing Undertaken.
Hongkong, 31st July, 1907. [1327]

GRIMAULT'S
SYRUP
OF
HYPOPHOSPHITE OF LIME
FOR
STUBBORN COUGHS
BRONCHITIS
WEAK LUNGS
CATARRH
CONSUMPTION

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE CITY OF LONDON AND MR. ROOSEVELT.
It is expected that on the approaching visit to
London of Mr. Roosevelt, the Corporation of the
City will offer him a public reception in the
Guildhall. For a step of this kind, says the
Times, there is the precedent of General Grant,
who after his Presidency visited the Metropolis
and received the honorary freedom of the City
in a gold box "in recognition of the distinguished
ability with which he had governed his
country and the eminent services he had rendered
to the cause of civilization by maintaining
amicable relations with foreign nations." The
presentation was made in the Guildhall on June
15, 1877, and was followed by a State luncheon
at which the then Lord Mayor (Sir Thomas
White) presided.

LIFE INSURANCE FOR \$200,000.
Fittsburg is rejoicing in the possession of
one of the most heavily insured men in the
world. This is Mr. John H. Jones, president of
the Fittsburg and Buffalo Coal Company, who
has just taken out an insurance policy for
\$200,000. Thirty-two years ago Jones, then
aged 11, was a boy engaged in oiling goods
trucks and doing small jobs about the mine
offices. He studied hard in his spare moments,
and attended classes whenever possible, with the
result that his employers were so pleased with
his work that when 17 years of age he was placed
in charge of a small mine at Monaca. Within
six years he had risen to the position
of general manager, and now controls one of the
most prosperous concerns in the country. The
insurance policy is taken out in favour of his
company, and is an eloquent tribute to his indus-
triousness.

840 MILES IN A CAB.
An Englishman visiting Interlaken jumped
into a local cab on January 18th, and told the
driver to take him to Cannes, on the Riviera.
The astonished driver got down from his perch
and doubtfully examined his "fare." "It is all
right," said the Englishman, "this is my name
and address"—producing a pocket-book full of
banknotes—"and I want to drive to Cannes, so
hurry up." The driver pointed out that it was
a very long journey, and that if the Englishman
was in earnest he was quite willing to do so, but
must obtain an extra horse. The Englishman
agreed, and the long drive started. The carriage
passed through Geneva, Grenchen, across the
Jura Alps, over deep snow, through Lyons and
Marseilles and arrived safely at Cannes on
February 1st, after having covered over 840
miles in fifteen days. The Swiss driver was
handsomely paid by the Englishman, and after
giving his horses a rest at Cannes, started on
his journey back to Interlaken, where he recently
arrived. He states that it was the longest,
most interesting, and best paid drive he has
ever undertaken in his life, and that he would
be glad of more Englishmen on the same terms.

COST OF THE PANAMA CANAL.
The revised official estimate of 1908 for the
construction of the Panama Canal places the
cost of actual construction at \$215,671,000, to
which are to be added certain general items
for roads, building and repairing houses, con-
tingencies, and railroad expenses amounting
to \$4,095,000, in all, \$219,766,000. The
estimate of the Canal in 1906 was: Cost
of actual construction, \$116,421,000, to
which was added 20 per cent., or \$23,284,200,
representing general items; in all, \$139,705,200.
Neither of these estimates included the
cost of sanitation, civil administration, and
payments for franchises, as authorised by the
Sponsor Act of June 28, 1902. In the estimate
for 1908 these three items are placed at
\$20,053,000, \$3,382,000, and \$5,000,000,
in all, \$28,435,000. This, added to the
estimate above, will make the total cost of
the canal \$248,201,000, (\$25,040,200).
Against this estimate a credit of \$15,000,000
is allowed on account of municipal im-
provements in Panama and Colon, loans to the
railroad company, and miscellaneous receipts,
but no account is taken this time for any
allowance for salvage from the plant upon
completion of the work.

EMPEROR EUGENIE'S DREAM OF HAPPINESS.
The *Matin* last month published an interview
with the Russian Journalist Signor Antonio
Scarfoglio claims to have had with the Empress
Eugenie at Naples.

"Between my past and present (the ex-
Empress is reported to have said) there are not
only fifty years but quite ten centuries. What
can I say, and to what purpose? I had a dream,
and it was a great dream for the country which
had welcomed and embraced me as sovereign.
But this dream is dead—killed by destiny—and
I have wished, and I wish to disappear with it."
"I am a poor woman who has lived
much and suffered much. At present I seek
peace and quiet, and oblivion, in a tranquil
corner of the world, with beautiful flowers and
brilliant sunrise, where my soul may be dis-
solved little by little, mingling with sky and
sea, thus dying before my weary body."
"I have loved France too much not to
endeavour with all my strength to forget her."
The Empress would not speak of her
souvenirs.

"I am as one walking backwards," she said,
"facing the horizon which he has already
crossed. I have renounced the future. I live
in my youth and my past. All else is but a
shadow and a dark shadow."
"I resemble yonder trees. They too, like
myself, live on the remembrance of their past
beauty. But they are awaiting—the spring,
whereas I no longer have anything to expect.
Even my sad winter is drawing to a close."
CONFESSION OF AN APOSTLE OF
MATERIALISM.

Higher education in America is attacked as
wasteful and harmful by Mr. Richard T. Crane,
multi-millionaire manufacturer, of Chicago,
father of Charles R. Crane, who was recalled as
American Minister to China a few months ago
because of an interview that affronted Japan.
Crane's views on education appear in a book he
has published at his own expense. "College
professors and teachers," says Mr. Crane, "are
paid to give advice on all subjects. As
\$2400 a year, they tell us how to turn
out \$1,000 and \$2,000-a-year business men.
Isn't it a bit strange, that it never has occurred
to these smart college fellows to go into business
for themselves? Why draw a small salary
for telling young men how to draw big salaries
if you are capable of drawing the big salary
yourself. Higher schooling does not make
either brains or ability. And as these are the
only things that count in any of life's activities,
what use can we have for the higher schools?
It is a conservative to estimate that the expense
of higher education in America must be at least
\$20,000,000 a year. And this enormous sum is
literally thrown away, much to the injury of
the country and its people. "This vast waste
of money means blood drawn from the people,
blankets taken from their beds, food from their
tables, coal from their cellars, clothing from
their backs—all in the line of sacrifice on the
altar of higher education. If the professors
can tell us how to raise corn or build bridges
or dig tunnels or run factories or manage stores,
then in the name of common sense let us give
them a chance to show us how these things
should be done."

PRINCE HENRY OF PRUSSIA **IN LONDON.**

ANGLO-GERMAN FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE.

A deputation from the Anglo-German Friend-
ship Committee was received by Prince Henry
of Prussia at the German Embassy on the 22nd
to present an address welcoming his Royal
Highness to England. The address was read
by the hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Fox, as
follows:—

"May it please your Royal Highness.—The
presidents, vice-presidents, and members of the
Anglo-German Friendship Committee of Great
Britain respectfully thank your Royal Highness
for consenting to receive an address during your
Royal Highness' visit to England, and desire
to offer your Royal Highness a most cordial
welcome to this country."

"We recall with great satisfaction the im-
mortal and unimpaired peace and long-
continued friendship which have existed between
Germany and Great Britain, and the close and
affectionate ties of relationship which have
connected the reigning Sovereigns of the Ger-
man States and the British Throne for so many
generations."

"We may refer to the immense and world-
wide commercial interests of our two nations at
the present time, and the common work of our
Christian Churches. We cannot on our mutual
friendship to the literature, science, and art
of our peoples as affording also potent reasons
for the maintenance of our natural and cordial
relations."

"We need not remind your Royal Highness of
the numerous interchanges of friendly visits
which have taken place during the past few
years between the British and German civil,
municipal, and commercial authorities, as also
between the leading newspapers, editors, and
journalists and the representatives of the manual
workers, who, on their part, are engaged in the
industries of the world, as well as those who are
charged with the guidance of our Christian
Churches."

"These international visits have been the
influential means of drawing the peoples of our
two Empires into closer friendship and sym-
pathetic knowledge of each other."

"We earnestly trust that in future all grounds
for distrust and suspicion may be removed by a
closer co-operation in international matters, and
by a full recognition of the right of each nation
to judge of their respective local needs and
requirements for the protection of their several
national and commercial interests."

"We earnestly hope, moreover, that within the
next few years this closer friendship and better
understanding between the peoples of both
Empires may lead to a termination of the pre-
scent rivalry in naval armaments."

"We fervently hope and pray that one two
nations may co-operate with the other Great
powers in promoting not only the peace but
the moral and material advance of civilization
throughout the world."

Signed on behalf of the Anglo-German Friend-
ship Committee of Great Britain.

A. RYLAND, Hon. President.
A. VEBER, President.
T. P. NEWMAN, Chairman.
C. BERNARD TRITTON, Hon. Treasurer.
F. W. FOX, Hon. Secretary.

Those present included:—
The Duke of Argyll, Lord Arbuthnot, Lord
Lonsdale, Lord Courtney of Penwith, Lord
Stamfordham, Lord Curzon, Lord Weymouth,
Sir John H. Kennedy, Sir Albert Spicer, M.P.,
Sir William H. Holland, Sir C. Ernest Tritton,
Mr. J. Allen Baker, M.P., Mr. J. H. Dickinson,
M.P., Mr. F. A. Egan, Mr. J. Herbert Tritton,
Mr. Bruce Schreder, Mr. Eric Hambro, Mr.
F. Chaplin, Mr. A. E. Buxton, Mr. F.
Debenham, Sir Percy Bunting, Mr. T. P.
Newman, Sir Edward W. Fitcham, Mr. Martin
Holland, Dr. Lunn, Mr. W. Evans Darby, Mr.
Francis William Fox, and Mr. E. K. Gaudson.

Prince Henry's reply was as follows:—
Your Grace, my Lords, Gentlemen.—I thank
you profoundly for having come here to pre-
sent me with this address, the more so as you
know that I am here on a private visit and
not in an official capacity. I cannot but feel
heartily with the sentiments of friendship
expressed in your address. I am sure that my
beloved Sovereign and brother, the German
Emperor, will be much gratified on learning
its contents. I wish to add one thing more—
it is that I sincerely hope your nation may in
future have the same confidence in our
Sovereign and Government as we have in
your dearly-beloved and much respected
Sovereign and your Government. Your
Grace, my Lords, and Gentlemen, let me
thank you again for your presence here.

Prince Henry, who was accompanied by the
German Ambassador, was afterwards entertained
at lunch at the German Athenaeum Club by
some 80 of the leading representative German
merchants and bankers in London. There were
no formal speeches. Mr. Meichner welcomed
his Royal Highness in a few words, to which
Prince Henry made a brief reply.

DINNER AT THE GERMAN EMBASSY.
In the evening the German Ambassador gave
a dinner at the Embassy in honour of Prince
and Princess Henry of Prussia. The King and
Queen and Princess Victoria were present, and
the company also included:—

Princess Louis of Battenberg, the Prince
Edward, Lord and Lady Lansdowne, Sir
Edward Grey, M.P., Admiral of the Fleet Sir
Arthur Wilson, Mr. Haldane, M.P., Sir Frank
Lascelles, Lady Edward Cavendish, Lord
Roxburgh, Lord and Lady Londonderry, Lady
Dudley, Mrs. O'Gorman, Lady Stowe, the
Hon. George and Mrs. Keppel, Mrs. W. James,
Lord Stirling, Captain Fortescue, Lady Gifford,
Commander Cunningham Graham, Commander
von Usedom, Fräulein von Platenberg, Herr
and Frau Kullmann, Commander and Frau Wiede-
mann, Herr and Frau von Haniel, and Major
Osterga.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONGKONG.

HOLY WEEK SERVICE.

March 22nd, Tuesday before Easter. Holy
Communion, 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 11 a.m.
Evening and Address, 6.30 p.m.
March 23rd, Wednesday before Easter. Holy
Communion, 8 a.m. Matins, Litany and Reading,
11 a.m. Evening and Address, 6.30 p.m., followed
by Selection from the "Messiah."
March 24th, Thursday before Easter. Holy
Communion, 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 11 a.m.
Evening and Address, 6.30 p.m.
March 25th, Good Friday. The Annunciation
of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Litany and Anti-Communion
10 a.m. Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m. Special Service
with Hymns and Select Addresses on the Seven Last
Words, 2 p.m. Evening and Address, 6.30 p.m.
Evening and Selections from the "Messiah," 7.15 p.m.
A source of addresses on "Some Scenes of Holy
Week and their teaching for to-day" will be given
at Evening at 5.30 p.m. during Holy Week, by
the Bishop of Victoria, as follows:—
Monday, March 21st, "Jesus at Bethany.—Devo-
tion to Christ and His Resurrection."
Tuesday, March 22nd, "Jesus before the fig
tree.—Faith in God."
Wednesday, March 23rd, "Jesus sought of the
Gentiles.—Means to the Resurrection."
Good Friday, March 25th, "Jesus praying for
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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO',
HULL, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENFARG."
Captain Hartnell, having arrived from the
above Ports, bringing forward Cargo transferred
from s.s. "Glenesk." Consignees of Cargo are
hereby informed that their goods are being landed
at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong-
kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.,
Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

"Glenesk" Bills of Lading must be presented
to obtain delivery.
Optional Goods will be carried on unless in-
structions are given to the contrary before
TO-DAY.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd inst., at
3 p.m.

No claims must be presented within fifteen
days of the steamer's arrival here, after which
date they cannot be recognized.
No Claims will be admitted after the goods
have left the Godowns and all goods remaining
undelivered after the 23rd inst. will be subject
to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1910. [420]

EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"CATHAY"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods, with the exception
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being
landed and stored at their risk into the haz-
ardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point
Godowns, where delivery may be obtained.
No claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining
undelivered after the 25th inst. will be subject
to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on 25th inst., at 9.30 A.M.
All claims must reach us before the 30th inst.,
or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
undersigned.
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1910. [6]

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "AYMERIC."

FROM TACOMA, VANCOUVER, YOKO-
HAMA, KOBE and MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for countersigna-
ture and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in
any case whatever.

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Hongkong, 19th March, 1910. [8]

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ARRIVALS
AWA MARU, Japanese str., 3,912, S. Ishikawa, 20th Mar.—Shanghai 17th March, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
CLARA JESSEN, German str., 1,103, F. Bendixen, 21st March—Pekhai 18th and Hollow 20th March, General—Jessen & Co.
COLONBO MARU, Japanese str., 2,919, E. Combes, 21st March—Mojil 16th March, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
DERWENT, British str., 1,350, Jenkin, 21st Mar.—British 16th March, Bico—Chinese.
HUMAY, British str., 1,143, Wm. Benson, 21st March—Wuhu and Chinkiang 16th Mar. General—Butterfield & Swire.
THREBURY, British str., 4,296, J. Barwise, 20th March—Yokohama via Shanghai and Amoy 19th Mar. General—Butterfield & Swire.
YUNSHANG, British str., 1,129, P. H. Rolfe, 21st March—Manila 18th March, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
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CLEARANCES

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 21st March
Drifrig, Norwegian str., for Swatow.
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Huanyang, British str., for Swatow.
Hefeng, German str., for Hallow.
Huichow, British str., for Tientsin.
Zunan, British str., for Canton.
J. Diederichsen, German str., for Haiphong.
Onang, British str., for Kobe.
Fedaburi, German str., for Swatow.
Spir, Norwegian str., for Ocheo.

DEPARTURES

21st March.
ANNU, British str., for Canton.
AUSTRIA, Austrian str., for Shanghai.
CHANGHAI, British str., for Amoy.
CHONGKING, British str., for Tientsin.
KIANG PING, Chinese str., for Canton.
PONGTONG, German str., for Hallow.
SURGIANO, British str., for Cebu.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. **Zafra** reports: Light to moderate wind and fine weather.
 The British str. **Huanan** reports: Light N.E. winds and fine weather to Brothers, thence variable winds and fog to port.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

March 21st.
Kowloon Dock—H.M.S. **Patia**, **Kiangtung**, H.M.S. **Janus**, **Kuissberg**, Italian.
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 Hongkong, 19th March, 1910. [430]

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1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & REG.	BERTH.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO.	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SUNDA	Brit. str.	—	R. A. Peters	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP	FLINTSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	G. C. Candy	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 1st April.
LONDON, &c. via USUAL PORTS OF CALL.	DEVANHA	Brit. str.	—	H. Powell	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 2nd April, at Noon.
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP	GLAMORGANSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	H. C. Morris	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 21st April.
COPENHAGEN & BALTIC PORTS	YEDDO	Swed. str.	—	Müller	MELCHERS & Co.	On 25th inst.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SAMBA	Ger. str.	—	Bahle	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 24th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SAONIA	Ger. str.	—	C. H. Butler	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Daylight
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KANAGAWA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Chabot	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 27th inst.
MARSEILLES & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SLAVONIA	Ger. str.	—	Chabot	MELCHERS & Co.	On 29th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, &c. via PORTS OF CALL.	TOMLIN	Freigh. str.	—	N. Matheson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 30th inst., at D'light
MARSEILLES & LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HITACHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	Easa	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 3rd April.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	MIVAZAKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Murai	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 13th April, at D'light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KITANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. E. Cope	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th April, at D'light
NA PLES, GENOA, ALGERIE, GIBRALTAR, &c.	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	P. Grosch	MELCHERS & Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
THIESTE, &c. via SINGAPORE, &c.	NIPPON	Aus. str.	—	E. Tarabochia	SANDER, WIELER & Co.	On 26th inst., P.M.
NEW YORK	SIKH	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 29th inst.
NEW YORK	INTERCO	Am. str.	—	—	ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.	On 26th April.
NEW YORK & BOSTON	DACRE CASTLE	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 12th April.
SAN FRANCISCO	STRATHPEY	Am. str.	—	J. Boyd	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 7th April.
VANCOUVER, B.C., TACOMA & SEATTLE VIA JAPAN	AYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 25th inst., at 7 A.M.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	EMPERESS OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R.C.	On 24th May, at Noon.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	MONTAGLE	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 29th inst., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	AWA MARU	Jap. str.	—	S. Ishikawa	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 26th April, at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	INABA MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Yamamoto	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Noon.
TACOMA VIA JAPAN	TACOMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OTOY KISEN KAISHA	On 25th inst., at Noon.
CALAO IQUIQUE, &c. via JAPAN PORTS, &c.	BUTO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 25th inst., at D'light
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	PRINCE SIGISMUND	Ger. str.	—	D. Lemz	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 15th April, at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Sekine	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 15th May, at Noon
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	NIKEO MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 2nd April.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	COBLENZ	Ger. str.	—	H. Raegener	MELCHERS & Co.	On 13th April, at Noon.
KOBE	ONANG	Brit. str.	—	Rosa Core	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 25th inst., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NIKEO MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 13th April, at Noon.
NAGASAKI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	WARASA MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Nielsen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 25th inst., at Noon.
JAPAN	KWANTAO	Brit. str.	1 m.	P. J. van Emmerick	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
AMOI, WEI HAI WEI, CHEFOO & NEWCHOW	HUIKOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	D. Dawson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 P.M.
TIEN TSI	PRINT LUDWIG	Ger. str.	—	E. Forsyth	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	BUSUN MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. v. Binzer	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	About 21st inst.
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOI & FOCHOW	ANNU	Jap. str.	1 m.	Y. Fuzeno	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 31st inst., at 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI	SARDINIA	Brit. str.	—	C. O. Talbot, R.N.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ALESIA	Ger. str.	—	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	About 25th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CHINUA	Brit. str.	1 m.	Sellier	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th inst., at D'light
SHANGHAI	OKANIBEN	Fren. str.	—	Fred. Fyne	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst., P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CEYLON MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	Owen Jones, R.N.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	CHENAN	Brit. str.	—	C. Lindbergh	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 31st inst.
SHANGHAI	ASSAYE	Brit. str.	—	Bloek	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 1st April, at Noon.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	FOCHANG	Brit. str.	—	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 3rd April, at D'light
SHANGHAI	LANAY	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 8th April.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ANDALUZA	Ger. str.	—	A. Pander	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	TEAQUEBAR	Dut. str.	—	K. Sugl	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 30th inst., at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	TILLYWONG	Dut. str.	—	H. Murayama	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 27th inst., at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	SOSHU MARU	Jap. str.	—	Hodgins	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 25th inst., at 10 A.M.
ANPING VIA SWATOW & AMOI	DAIGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	W. C. Passmore	DODGLES LAPRAIK & Co.	To-day, at 10 A.M.
TAMUUI VIA SWATOW & AMOI	HAIVANG	Swat. str.	2 h.	Pennafather	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 25th inst., at 4 P.M.
SWATOW, AMOI & FOCHOW	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 26th inst., at Noon.
SWATOW, AMOI & FOCHOW	TAMING	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 29th inst., at 3 P.M.
MANILA	YUNSHANG	Brit. str.	—	S. J. Payne	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 1st April, at 4 P.M.
MANILA	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	—	A. Frazer	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 2nd April, at Noon.
MANILA	TEAN	Brit. str.	—	Weigall	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 28th inst., at 4 P.M.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	E. Combes	MELCHERS & Co.	Middle of April.
MANILA	RUBI	Brit. str.	—	S. H. Boken	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, P.M.
MANILA	MAUSANG	Brit. str.	—	Bradley	DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.	On 25th inst., at Noon.
SANDAKAN	BORNEO	Ger. str.	—	W. G. G. Leask	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 8th April, at Noon.
RUDAT & SANDAKAN	COLOMBO MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Koops	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
BOMAX VIA SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	GREGORY APCAR	Brit. str.	—	—	—	—
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	KUMANG	Brit. str.	—	—	—	—
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	KUMANG	Brit. str.	—	—	—	—
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	TJIKINI	Dut. str.	—	—	—	—

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ANTWERP & HAMBURG	"PRINZ LUDWIG" Capt. F. VON BINZER	About 23rd March.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"PRINZ SIGISMUND" Capt. D. LEMZ	Friday, 25th Mar., at D'light
MANILA, YAP, NEW GUINEA, BELLAIR, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"COBLENZ" Capt. H. RAEGENER	About 2nd April.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	"BORNEO" Capt. F. SEMBELL	Middle of April.

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MARSEILLES VIA PORTS	"TONKIN" Capt. Charbonnel	On 29th Mar., 1 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"SALAZIE" Capt. Magnen	On 11th April, P.M.
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